

**State of Indiana
City of West Lafayette**

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENT MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Friday, December 11 marks the 199th anniversary of the day President James Madison signed the act admitting Indiana as the 19th state of the Union; and

WHEREAS, the history of our state, our county, our community and its people is valuable to our shared experience, and we recognize and celebrate the growth and greatness of our state and the limitless potential inherent in its future; and

WHEREAS, on this occasion of Indiana's 199th birthday, we honor the beginning of the Bicentennial year in Indiana, celebrating our history and igniting the future for coming generations of Indiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, our community plans to honor this singular time in Indiana history by honoring our past, setting the course for our future and preparing a path for our youth, and raises a flag for the Bicentennial year to remind all who visit our fair city of our part in this special year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Dennis, Mayor of West Lafayette, IN, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2015, as

Indiana Statehood Day and the Official Kickoff of the Bicentennial

And invite all citizens to duly note this occasion and celebrate the upcoming year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of West Lafayette, IN on this 15th day of December, 2015.

John R. Dennis, Mayor
City of West Lafayette